



### **Hiking Trails:** Lake Trail & Lady Slipper Trail

The Lake trail and the Lady Slipper trail combine to give views of Monte Verde lake, wetlands, streams, forest and the mountains. These trails start at the parking area of Monte Verde Lake, just off Mountain View Boulevard.



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### **Lake Trail**

This trail follows the western shoreline of the lake. Going south you have the opportunity to watch the fishermen, see lots of geese and the remnants of a beaver lodge. Approaching the south end of lake you must skirt the marsh area by exiting onto Lakeview Park Drive. You have the option to walk a short distance east and reenter the Lake trail after the marsh area, then return to parking area or you can go south on Alpine Lake Way to the Lady Slipper trailhead.

### **Lady Slipper Trail**

Leaving Alpine Lake Way, cross a small bridge at the hiker sign. The trail continues on an old logging road. As you approach the National Forest you will have to cross a marshy area via another bridge. Wildflowers & grasses abound, especially the trails namesake, Lady Slipper.

Enter the National Forest by passing through a fence with a primitive gate using an S hook. Please close the gate after passing through. Walking for a bit you will turn left over another small bridge. A sign points to either the overlook or the big tree.

The overlook is reached by following a logging road marked with blue diamonds on the trees. The overlook is a beautiful pasture with cattle & views of the mountains. Follow the signs and diamonds through a small stretch of woods, returning to the logging road. The big tree is reached using a small loop through the woods which returns to the logging road. Your return is over the same trail until you hit the lake and hike the eastern shore back to the parking area.